

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, December is a great time of the year to celebrate family, friends, charity, and community; and

WHEREAS, from our commitment to community and willingness to serve others, Vermonters light the way on many different fronts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to organized efforts to help our families, friends, and neighbors, it is often the little things – those simple, unexpected, everyday acts of kindness and goodwill – that can make the biggest difference; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters have always stepped up to meet the moment, going above and beyond to do their part, showing that we are much stronger when we are united; and

WHEREAS, the *Rays of Kindness* initiative calls attention to acts of kindness and good deeds occurring throughout Vermont, and the Vermonters making them happen; and

WHEREAS, by shining a light on acts of kindness, selfless service and goodwill throughout our state, we inspire more people to do their part for their neighbors and communities; and

WHEREAS, [Vermonters can nominate each other for *Rays of Kindness* recognition to help spread this goodwill throughout the year.](#)

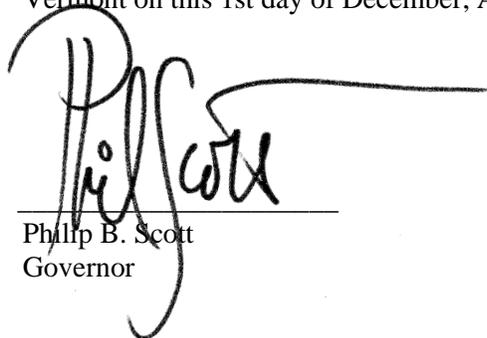
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim December 2023, as

RAYS OF KINDNESS MONTH
in Vermont

and call upon all Vermonters to engage in, and help us highlight, more acts of kindness, selfless service and goodwill.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of December, A.D. 2023.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs